

Maths for ML

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Outline

1. Vector Notation for Machine Learning
2. Error Vectors in Machine Learning

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Sum of Squared Errors (Matrix Form)

Scalar Property

1. For a scalar s

$$s = s^T$$

Gradient Vector

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$$\nabla_{\theta} \mathbf{s} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial \mathbf{s}}{\partial \theta_1} \\ \frac{\partial \mathbf{s}}{\partial \theta_2} \\ \vdots \\ \frac{\partial \mathbf{s}}{\partial \theta_N} \end{bmatrix}$$

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$$\theta^T Z \theta = e\theta_1^2 + 2f\theta_1\theta_2 + g\theta_2^2$$

The term $\theta^T Z \theta$ is a scalar.

Matrix Rank

Since X has fewer rows than columns, its maximum rank is equal to the maximum number of linearly independent rows. And because neither row is linearly dependent on the other row, the matrix has 2 linearly independent rows; so its rank is 2.

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